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ABSTRACT

The air-to-ground, rocket propelled, optically guided missile Bullpup is now under development by the Glenn L. Martin Company for the Bureau of Aeronautics. The existing 250 lb. G. P. bombs Mk 81 and AN-M-57A1, as well as the 220 lb. M81 fragmentation bomb, are all being considered as possible warheads for this missile. Inasmuch as its impact velocity is expected to fall in the range of 1100 to 1900 ft./sec. the question has arisen as to whether the bomb's ability to penetrate targets in effective bursting conditions will be seriously impaired by the high striking velocities. This information is of particular importance since a fuze delay would be tactically desirable, and a delay fuze is useless if the bomb does not remain intact after penetrating its target. Normally these bombs are not tested at impact velocities greater than 1000 ft./sec., since this is the maximum velocity that would be expected from a free fall. Therefore, a limited program has been conducted on the 250 lb. G. P. Mk 81 bomb to find the effect of higher striking velocities on bomb break-up.

The results indicate that the inert loaded 250 lb. G. P. bomb Mk 81:

a. Will penetrate 7/8" STS armor plate at 20° obliquity at 1470 ft./sec. but will break up in penetrating this target at 1735 ft./sec. or higher velocities.

b. Will penetrate sand or normal earth (free of rocks, stones, etc.) and remain in effective condition at 1700 ft./sec. and 20° obliquity but will break up at 1900 ft./sec.

FOREWORD

This is the final report on high velocity impact tests of the 250 lb. G. P. Mk 81 Low Drag Bomb, which is being considered for use as a warhead for the Bullpup missile. The program was conducted under Task Assignment NPG-S3-3d-442-1-56 as authorized by reference (a). The bombs were received under reference (b), tested during the period 14 December 1955 to 3 January 1956, and a preliminary report submitted as reference (c).

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INTRODUCTION

The air-to-ground, rocket propelled, optically guided missile Bullpup is now under development by the Glenn L. Martin Company for the Bureau of Aeronautics. The existing 250 lb. G. P. bombs Mk 81 and AN-M57A1, as well as the 220 lb. M81 fragmentation bomb, are all being considered as possible warheads for this missile. Inasmuch as its impact velocity is expected to fall in the range of 1100 to 1900 ft./sec. the question has arisen as to whether the bomb's ability to penetrate targets in effective bursting condition will be seriously impaired by the high striking velocities. This information is of particular importance since it would be desirable to use a delay fuze with the G. P. bombs. Such a fuze is useless if the bomb does not remain intact after penetrating its target. Normally these bombs are not tested at impact velocities greater than 1000 ft./sec. since this is the maximum velocity that would be expected from a free fall. Therefore, a limited program has been conducted on the 250 lb. G. P. Mk 81 bomb to obtain preliminary data on the effect of higher striking velocities on bomb break-up.

DESCRIPTION OF MATERIAL

Five 250 lb. G. P. Mk 81 bombs were inert loaded with a perlite-cement-water mixture to a weight of 250⁺⁰₋₁₀ lbs. The flat-faced nose fuze being developed by the Elgin National Watch Company for use in the missile warhead, was simulated by 4" diameter flat base plugs, removed from other 250 lb. bombs, inserted in the nose of these bombs. The fuze wells were left empty.

DESCRIPTION OF TEST EQUIPMENT

The following equipment and materials were used in conducting this program:

- a. Gun: 9712/31.5 Smoothbore Gun No. 1

- b. Propellant: NPFBR-241(6"/47) powder
56.0# for 1470 ft./sec.
67.0# for 1710 ft./sec.
78.0# for 1920 ft./sec.
with bomb rammed 7475 from breech end
- c. Targets: Sand and 7/8" STS armor plate
- d. Velocity
Measurements: Solenoid coils and oscilloscope
- e. Cameras: 35mm Fastax, Speed Graphic

PROCEDURE

Since the major diameter of the Mk 81 bomb is 970 and the gun employed was a 971 diameter smoothbore, it was unnecessary to provide any forward bourrelet on the bomb. A 1-5/8" thick x 97097 diameter steel base plate was attached to the base of the bomb by means of four set screws which engaged in the V-notch at the base of the bomb. This design permitted the base plate to tear loose from the bomb upon plate impact without damaging the base of the bomb. Only one inert Bullpup fuze was available, Figure (2), so bomb base plugs (the most readily available item with the proper thread) were used to simulate the fuzes. The Mk 81 bomb had consistently penetrated 7/8" STS plate and 17 8 plate a large percentage of the time at 1000 ft./sec. in effective condition. Therefore, 7/8" STS at 20° oblique was chosen as the initial high velocity (1900 ft./sec.) target. Earth or sand are also conceived of as being possible impact materials for this missile so the break velocity was determined for sand. A 3/4" thickness plywood faced the front of the sand pile with the bomb piled up in contact with the wood.

A 16mm Fastax camera, operated at 2500 frames/sec., was used on round 2 to photograph the bomb between the gun muzzle and target and provide information on the gun stability. A Ballistic Synchrocamera was used on round 3 to obtain more detailed information on the base plate, simulated nose fuze and altitude of the bomb immediately before impact.

Velocities were measured in the conventional manner by solenoids and oscilloscopes.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Table 1, Appendix (A), gives the test conditions and results for the five bombs fired in this program. These data are supplemented by butt impact records of each round (Appendix (B)) and photographs of the recovered bombs (Appendix (C)).

The results are summarized as follows:

<u>Target*</u>	<u>Velocity ft./sec.</u>	<u>Condition of Recovered Bomb</u>
7/8" STS	1919	Broken up
	1735	Broken up
	1470	Effective-intact, deformed
Sand	1933	Broken up
	1704	Effective-intact, good condition

*One impact at each condition. All impacts at 20° obliquity.

Round 1

The first round was fired at the highest impact velocity this missile is expected to attain, 1919 ft./sec. The velocity of the launching aircraft would be at least 500 knots, it would have a steep dive angle and release the missile somewhere below 15,000 ft., reference (d), to enable the missile to reach such a striking velocity. The 7/8" STS target, which might represent some armored type of vessel, was perforated by the bomb but served to break it up into numerous pieces, thus preventing the operation of any delay fuze and destroying the effectiveness of the missile, Figure (3).

Round 2

The least severe target material available, sand, was utilized for the next round in order to determine whether the bomb could withstand any type of impact at this high a velocity. The forward section of the bomb had broken into

numerous pieces but the base section had held together, Figure (4). This indicated that at some slightly lower velocity the bomb might hold together in penetrating sand or earth. High speed photography of the round from the gun muzzle to the target indicated that the bomb was flying well and was intact upon impacting the target, Figure (5).

Round 3

Inasmuch as this missile might be fired into earth or sand at such an angle that it would detonate below a surface structure, it was deemed advisable to continue with the investigation of sand targets at a lower impact velocity. At a 500 knot launching speed and 70° dive angle, the missile would have an impact velocity of 1700 ft./sec. when released between 15,000 and 20,000 ft. altitude. Therefore round 3 was impacted against sand at 1700 ft./sec. and 20° obliquity to simulate these conditions. Under these conditions the bomb remained in good condition after penetrating a sand target fronted by 3/4" plywood, Figure (6). The nose plug was pushed in as a result of the impact. A ballistic synchrocamera picture of the round just before target impact indicated that the round was intact and in stable flight condition, Figure (7) (the bomb is shortened in this picture because the film speed was too high).

Round 4

Since 1700 ft./sec. is an impact velocity that might be anticipated under numerous high speed launching conditions, it was used against another 7/8" STS target. The bomb was again found to be broken up after penetrating the armor plate target at 20° obliquity but not as badly as it had been at the 1919 ft./sec. striking velocity. The forward part of the bomb was split open but the base had held together, Figure (8).

Round 5

This round was fired to obtain a penetration velocity limit on the 7/8" STS target at 20° obliquity. The condition of the previous round had indicated that this limit might be in the neighborhood of 1500 ft./sec. At an actual impact velocity of 1470 ft./sec the bomb penetrated

the target and remained intact, although deformed in the nose section. It is conceivable that the deformation would have been sufficient to prevent a nose fuze from functioning or cause a nose booster charge to deflagrate, Figure (9). This is an impact velocity that in all probability would be obtained with a launching speed lower than 500 knots; more likely at 250 knots.

CONCLUSIONS

It is concluded that the inert loaded 250 lb. G. P. Bomb Mk 81:

- a. Will penetrate 7/8" STS armor plate at 20° obliquity at 1470 ft./sec. but will break up in penetrating this target at 1735 ft./sec. or higher velocities.
- b. Will penetrate sand or normal earth (free of rocks, stones, etc.) and remain in effective condition at 1700 ft./sec. and 20° obliquity but will break up at 1900 ft./sec.

REFERENCES

- (a) BUORD Conf ltr Re3d-ANB:bjk Ser 11691 of 15 Nov 1955
- (b) AM30 565542
- (c) NPG Conf Preliminary Report 25 Jan 1956
- (d) Glenn L. Martin Company Conf Report ER 6460 --
Model XASM-N-7 Guided Missile Weapon System

APPENDIX A

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TABLE 1
FIRING CONDITIONS AND RESULTS

1955	1956
Date	Date
Fired	Fired
Impact No.	Impact No.
Rd. No.	Rd. No.
Bomb Wt. lbs.	Bomb Wt. lbs.
Target Material	Target Material
Obt.	Obt.
Strik. Vel. ft./sec.	Strik. Vel. ft./sec.
Fene.	Fene.
Through Opening	Through Opening
Remarks	Remarks
12/14 43470 1 243 7/8" STS 20° 1919 Comp. 9-1/2"x10-1/2"	Ineffective-Bomb shattered.
12/16 43477 2 240 Sand 20° 1933 Comp. ---	Ineffective-for-ward section of bomb broke up, base held together.
12/20 43490 3 245 Sand 20° 1704 Comp. ---	Effective-intact, bomb in good condition.
12/22 43493 4 240 7/8" STS 20° 1735 Comp. 10-1/2"x12"	Ineffective-for-ward section split open, base held together.
12/3 43514 5 240 7/8" STS 20° 1470 Comp. 10"x12"	Effective-intact, except for deformation of nose section.

Note: Bombs fired from 9"12/31.5 Smoothbore Gun No. 1

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APPENDIX B

BUTT IMPACT RECORD
FORM 100-10-114

U. S. NAVAL PROVING GROUND
DAHLGREN, VA.

REF: 701

TEST OBJECT		IMPACT NUMBER 43470	
Target Yards 500 Yards 1000		DATE OF IMPACT 12-14-55	
		BUTT NO B	
PLATE		BOMB XXXXXXXX	
GALVE 37	CLASS 225	CALIBER 350 lb. G. P.	TYPE Low Drag
MANUFACTURER Lukens	CONTRACT N600-1558-30292	MANUFACTURER A. D. Smith	LOT NO 2
GROUP --	NO 65	MARK 81	MOO 1
DIMENSIONS 95" x 300"		PROJECTILE NO 1	YEAR OF SPECIFICATION --
IMPACT DATA		CAPPED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	LENGTH (Uncapped) --
ORLIQUITY 20	PENETRATION Comp.	WEIGHT (Capped) --	WEIGHT (Uncapped) 243.00
THICKNESS AT IMPACT .87"	NO OF IMPACT ON PLATE 1	FUZE None - Flat	FILLER Perlite-Cement-Water
DISTANCE FROM NEAREST IMPACT 55"	THROUGH OPENING 9-1/2" x 10-1/2"	CONDITION AFTER FIRING <input type="checkbox"/> EFFECTIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INEFFECTIVE	
DISTANCE FROM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TOP <input type="checkbox"/> BOTTOM 54"	DISTANCE FROM <input type="checkbox"/> RIGHT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LEFT 149"	Bomb broke up; completely shattered	
FLAKING FRONT 0"	FLAKING BACK 0"		
SPUR 8"	DISH 2"		
CRACKS 0"	BULGE (1)		
BUTTON <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THROWN <input type="checkbox"/> STARTED			
VELOCITY (F.S.)			
DESIRED	OBTAINED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUZZLE <input type="checkbox"/> STRIKING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MEAN 1919	
REMARKS			

GUN: 9012 No. 10 A 1000

74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00
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SIGNATURE: J. H. HARRIS, JR., CHIEF, TEST OFFICER

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FORM 100-1-13

U. S. NAVAL PROVING GROUND
DAHLGREN, VA.

REF (10)

TEST OBJECT		IMPACT NUMBER 411	
		DATE OF IMPACT 12/1/54	
		BUTT NO 2	
PLATE		PROJECTILE	
Gauge	CLASS	CALIBER 3.0 IN. 50 P.	TYPE LOW DRAG
MANUFACTURER	CONTRACT	MANUFACTURER A. O. PRITH	LOT NO 2
GROUP	NO	MARY	MOD
DIMENSIONS		PROJECTILE NO	YEAR OF SPECIFICATION
IMPACT DATA		CAPPED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	LENGTH (Uncapped)
OBLIQUITY	PENETRATION	WEIGHT (Capped)	WEIGHT (Uncapped) 245.00
THICKNESS AT IMPACT	NO. OF IMPACT ON PLATE	FUZE Time - 1.14	FILLER Ball - Current Water
DISTANCE FROM NEAREST IMPACT	THROUGH OPENING	CONDITION AFTER FIRING <input type="checkbox"/> EFFECTIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INEFFECTIVE	
DISTANCE FROM <input type="checkbox"/> TOP <input type="checkbox"/> BOTTOM	DISTANCE FROM <input type="checkbox"/> RIGHT <input type="checkbox"/> LEFT	FLAKING FRONT	
FLAKING BACK		SPUR	
CRACKS		DISH	
BULGE		BUTTON <input type="checkbox"/> THROWN <input type="checkbox"/> STARTED	
VELOCITY (F.S.)			
DESIRED	OBTAINED	<input type="checkbox"/> MIZZLE	<input type="checkbox"/> STRIKING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MEAN 1.0
REMARKS			

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TEST OBJECT Bomb Impact at High Velocity	IMPACT NUMBER 43490
	DATE OF IMPACT 12-20-55
	BUTT NO P

PLATE		BOMB	
GALVE	CLASS	CALIBER	TYPE
MANUFACTURER	CONTRACT	250 lb. G. P.	Low Drag
GROUP	NO	MANUFACTURER	LOT NO
DIMENSIONS		A. O. Smith	2
<div style="transform: rotate(-45deg); border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> (NO PLATE) 3/4" PLYBOARD BACKED BY SAND </div>		MARK	NOO
		PROJECTILE NO	YEAR OF SPECIFICATION
		1	1
		1	--
IMPACT DATA		CAPPED	LENGTH (Uncapped)
OBLIQUITY	PENETRATION	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	--
THICKNESS AT IMPACT	NO OF IMPACT ON PLATE	WEIGHT (Capped)	WEIGHT (Uncapped)
DISTANCE FROM NEAREST IMPACT	THROUGH OPENING	--	245.00#
DISTANCE FROM	DISTANCE FROM	FUZE	FILLER
<input type="checkbox"/> TOP <input type="checkbox"/> BOTTOM	<input type="checkbox"/> RIGHT <input type="checkbox"/> LEFT	None - flat	Perlite-Cement-Water
FLAKING FRONT	FLAKING BACK	base plate in nose	
SPUR	DISH	CONDITION AFTER FIRING	
CRACKS	BULGE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EFFECTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> INEFFECTIVE	
BUTTON		Intact, bomb in good condition	
<input type="checkbox"/> THROWN <input type="checkbox"/> STARTED			

VELOCITY (F.S.)

DESIRED	OBTAINED	<input type="checkbox"/> WHIZZLE <input type="checkbox"/> STRIKING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MEAN 1704
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TEST OBJECT				IMPACT NUMBER 43493	
Bomb Impacts at High Velocity				DATE OF IMPACT 12-22-55	
				BUTT NO 3	
PLATE			BOMB XXXXXXXX		
GAUGE .87"	CLASS STS	CALIBER 250 lb. G. P.	TYPE Low Drag		
MANUFACTURER Lukens	CONTRACT N600-1558-30292	MANUFACTURER A. O. Smith	LOT # 2		
GROUP --	NO 65	MARK 81	MOU 1		
DIMENSIONS 96" x 300"		PROJECTILE NO 5	YEAR OF SPECIFICATION --		
IMPACT DATA		CAPPED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	LENGTH (Uncapped) --		
OBLIQUITY 20°	PENETRATION Comp.	WEIGHT (Capped) --	WEIGHT (Uncapped) 240.00²		
THICKNESS AT IMPACT .87"	NO OF IMPACT ON PLATE --	FUZE None - flat base plate in nose	FILLER Perlite-Cement-Water		
DISTANCE FROM NEAREST IMPACT 36"	THROUGH GRINDING 10-1/2" x 12"	CONDITION AFTER FIRING <input type="checkbox"/> EFFECTIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INEFFECTIVE			
DISTANCE FROM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TOP <input type="checkbox"/> BOTTOM 66"	DISTANCE FROM <input type="checkbox"/> RIGHT <input type="checkbox"/> LEFT 115"	Forward section split open, base held together			
FLAKING FRONT 0"	FLAKING BACK 0"				
SPUR 5"	DISH 3"				
CRACKS 0"	BULGE 0"				
BUTTON <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THROWN <input type="checkbox"/> STARTED					
Impact Dim. 11" x 12-1/2"		VELOCITY (F.S.)			
DESIRED	OBTAINED	<input type="checkbox"/> MIZZLE	<input type="checkbox"/> STRIKING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MEAN 1735	
REMARKS					

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TEST OBJECT		IMPACT NUMBER 13514	
Bomb Impacts at High Velocity		DATE OF IMPACT 7-3-56	
		BUTT NO 3	
PLATE		BOMB PROJECTILE	
GAUGE .87"	CLASS STS	CALIBER 250 lb. G. P.	TYPE Low Drag
MANUFACTURER Lukens	CONTRACT N600-1558-30292	MANUFACTURER F. E. Crane	LOT # 2
GROUP --	NO 65	WELD 81	MOO 1
DIMENSIONS 96" x 300"		PROJECTILE NO 1	YEAR OF SPECIFICATION 1957
IMPACT DATA		CAPPED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	LENGTH (uncapped) --
OBLIQUITY 20°	PENETRATION Comp.	HEIGHT (Capped) --	WEIGHT (uncapped) 239.50#
THICKNESS AT IMPACT .87"	NO. OF IMPACT ON PLATE 3	FUSE --	FILLER Perlite-Cement-Water
DISTANCE FROM NEAREST IMPACT 26"	THROUGH OPENING 10" x 12"	CONDITION AFTER FIRING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EFFECTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> INEFFECTIVE	
DISTANCE FROM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TOP <input type="checkbox"/> BOTTOM 35"	DISTANCE FROM <input type="checkbox"/> RIGHT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LEFT 20"	Intact except for deformation of	
FLANKING FRONT 0"	FLANKING BACK 0"	nose section	
SPUR 5"	RIDGE 3"		
CRACKS 0"	WELD 0"		
BUTTON <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THROUGH <input type="checkbox"/> STARTED			
VELOCITY (F. S.)			
DESIRED	ATTAINED	<input type="checkbox"/> NO. 221	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STAIN. 1470
REMARKS			

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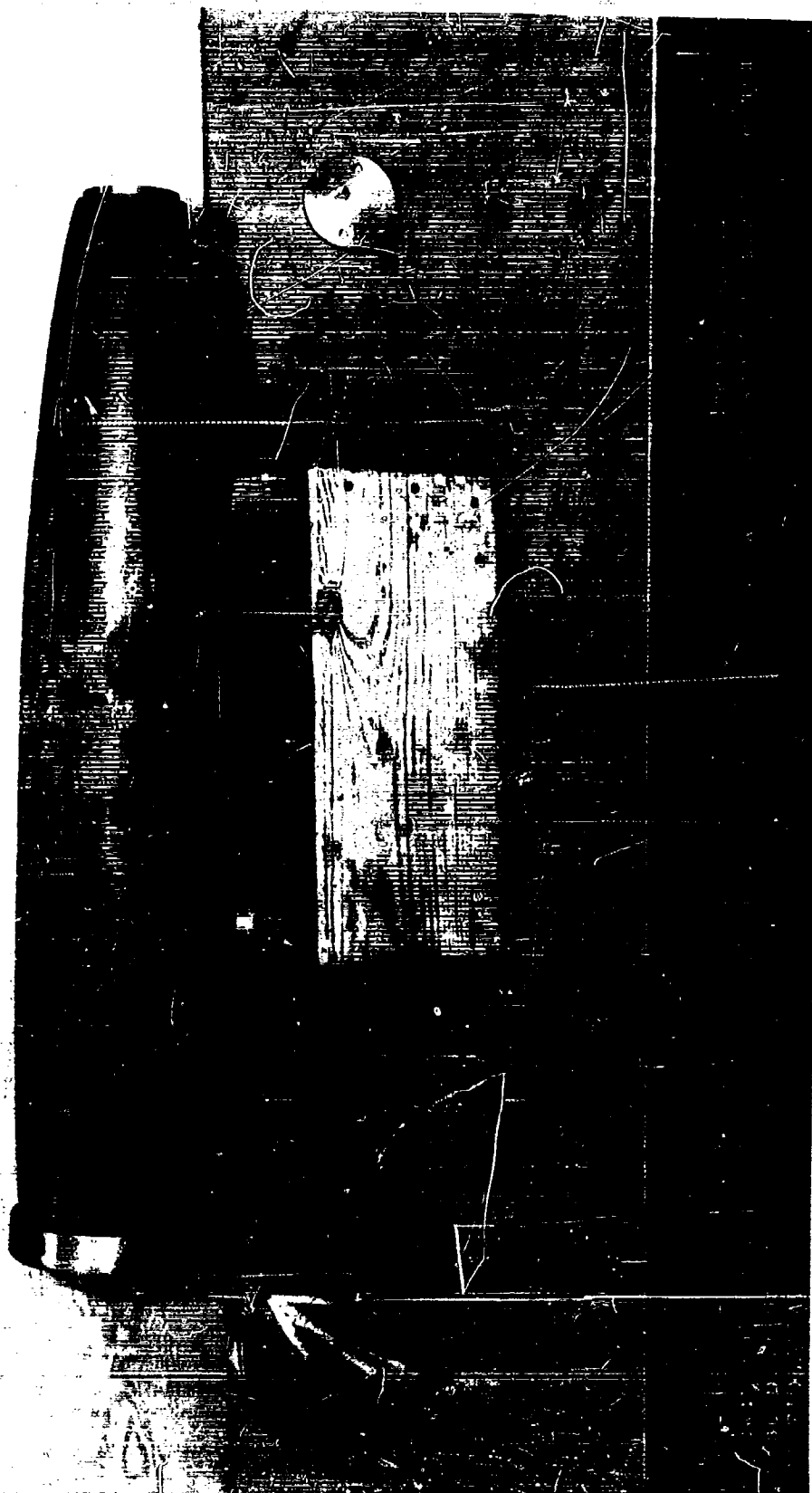
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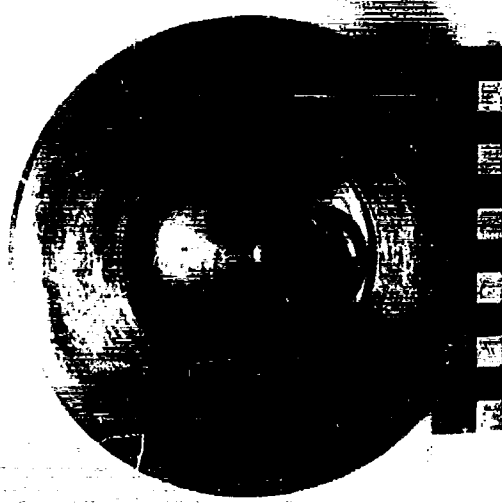


Figure 2
 4P9-70573 - 350 lb. G. P. low drag bomb. AX 91 Mod 1, High Velocity Impact Tests.
 View: Fuse developed by Alvin National Cash Company for Guilpep Missile Warhead.

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NP9-70574- 250 lb. 7. P. Low Grav Bomb M2 51 Vol 10, Size Velocity Impact Tests:

Impact No.	Date	Vel.	Target	Velocity	Wt.	Pen.	Remarks
13477	12/16/55	2	5000	1000	1000	1000	ineffective-forward section of bomb broke up, base held together.

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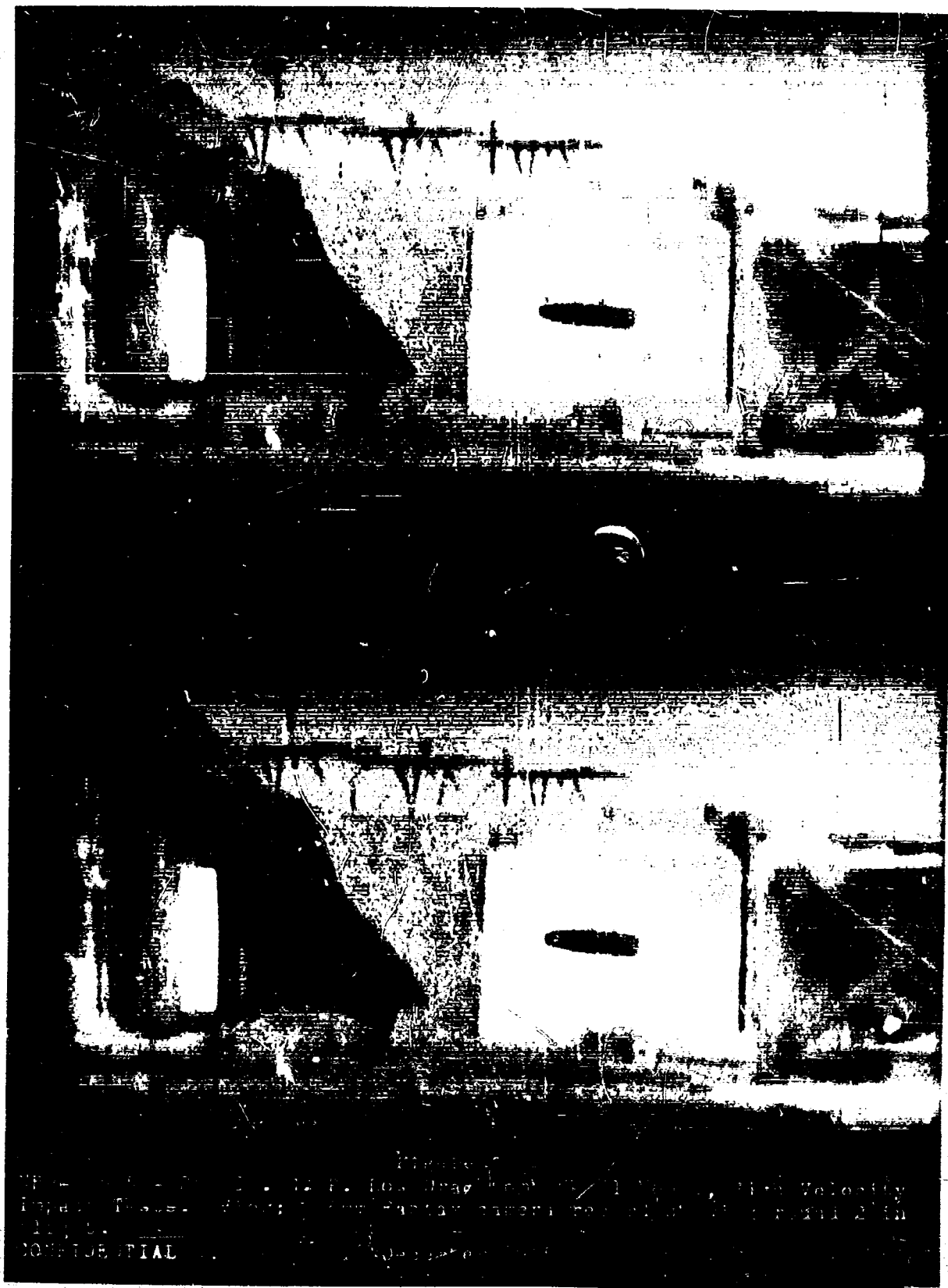
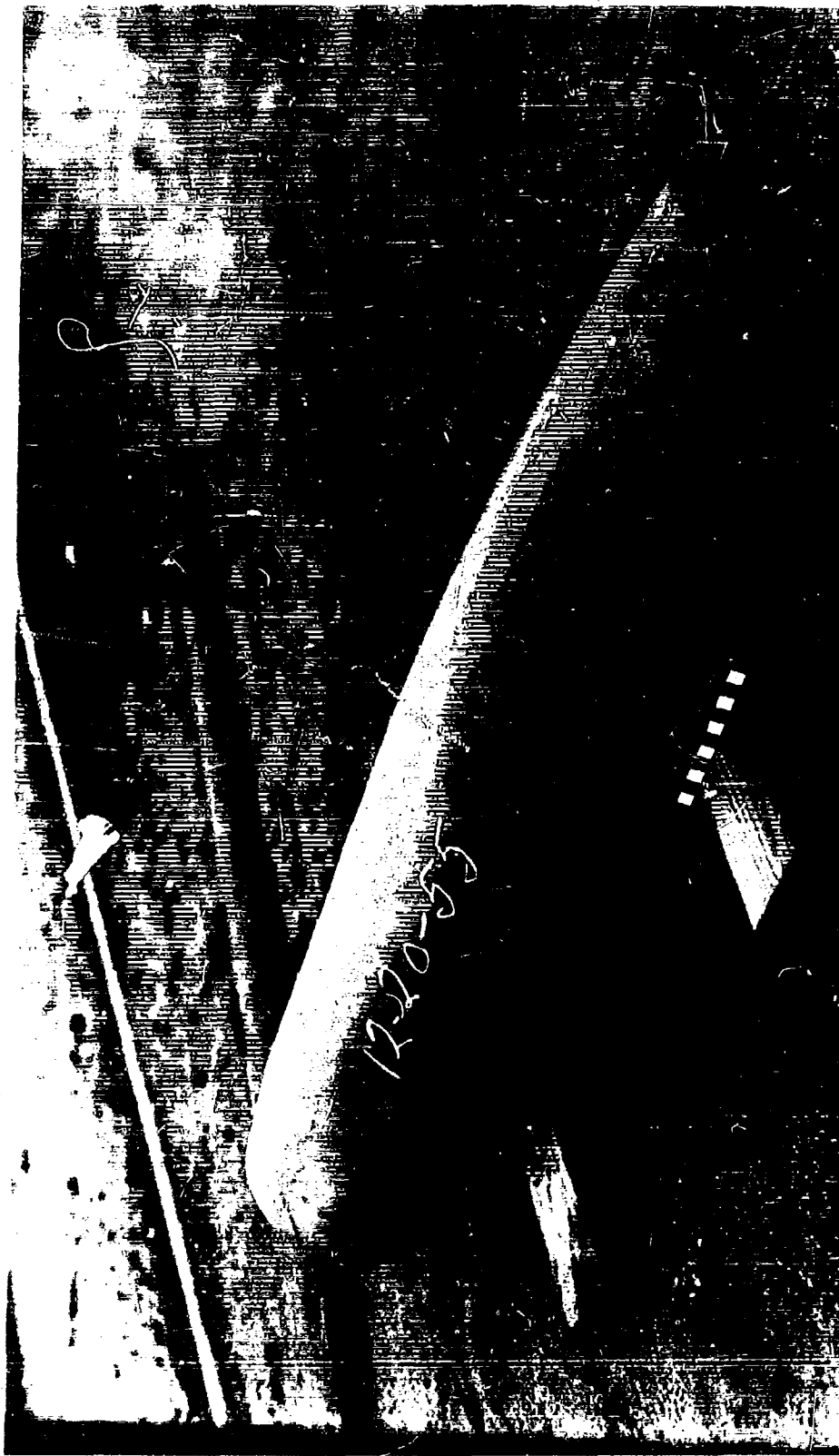


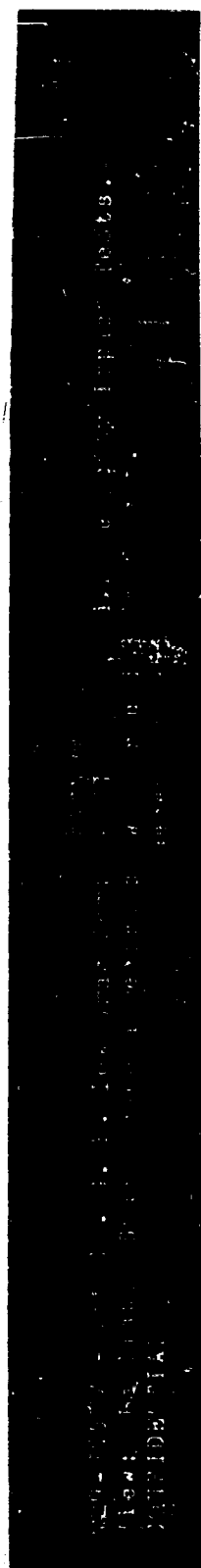
Figure 1
Figure 1 - 1. 12 ft. 10 in. Draw and 1. 10 in. 11 in. Velocity
Impact Tests. View of the impact area of the panel 2 in
11 in. 11 in.
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SP9-10576 - 250 Lit. G. P. Low Head and P. 1000, High Velocity Impact Test: K

Impact No.	Date	RI.	Impact	Condition	Remarks
10340	12/27/55	3	Impact	Good	Effective-Intact, bone in good condition

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Lot	Date	Test	Result	Remarks
100-1031-1001	10/1/55	Low Pressure	Pass	High Velocity Impact Tests of:
100-1031-1002	10/1/55	High Pressure	Pass	Through
100-1031-1003	10/1/55	High Pressure	Pass	Opening
100-1031-1004	10/1/55	High Pressure	Pass	10" x 12"
100-1031-1005	10/1/55	High Pressure	Pass	Effective;
100-1031-1006	10/1/55	High Pressure	Pass	Both intact
100-1031-1007	10/1/55	High Pressure	Pass	but deformed

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